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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC-ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

1. THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AT THIS POINT HAS COMPLETED A DEBATE ON ITEM 19A ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND PASSED PRO FORMA RESOLUTIONS AS REPORTED SEPTTEL. ITEM 19A HAS BEEN SCRATCHED SINCE SECRETARY GENERAL IS NOT IN POSITION TO PROPOSE NOMINATIONS AT THIS SESSION. ITEM IS STILL OPEN, HOWEVER, FOR POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY KENYA, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. CHAIRMAN PLANS TO CLOSE ITEM WITH OR WITHOUT FURTHER RESOLUTIONS ON FRIDAY P.M.

2. DEBATE AND DISCUSSION OF ITEM 18, REGIONAL COOPERATION, HAS ALSO BEEN CONCLUDED AS REPORTED SEPTTEL. THIS ITEM TOO REMAINS OPEN FOR PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS. BOTH NETHERLANDS AND ARGENTINA HAVE INFORMALLY PROPOSED BRIEF RESOLUTIONS ENJOINING REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND UNDP TO ADJUST THEIR WORK PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES TO CONFORM WITH FOLLOW-UP NEEDS FOR PROGRAM OF ACTION, MID-TERM REVIEW AND SPECIAL SESSION 1975. THESE TWO

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RESOLUTIONS HAVE NOW BEEN MERGED INTO ONE BY BRAZIL

WHICH WOULD NOW CO-SPONSOR. RESOLUTION BEING CIRCULATED INFORMALLY.
IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THIS TOO WILL BE TAKEN UP FRIDAY
P.M., JULY 12, AND ITEM CLOSED AT THAT TIME.

3. ITEM 14 ON DEVELOPMENT DECADE NOW BEING DEBATED.
PATTERN IS FOR DELEGATES TO ADDRESS SUB-ITEMS ON CDP
REPORT, LAND LOCKED AND LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND
MID-TERM REVIEW IN MULTIPLE INTERVENTIONS. NEVERTHELESS,
HOPE THAT THIS DEBATE WILL BE CONCLUDED ON FRIDAY A.M.,
JULY 12 WITH SUCH RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS AS MAY EMERGE
TO BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED UPON FRIDAY P.M.

4. CHAIRMAN PLANS TAKE UP ITEM 5, RESOLUTIONS FROM
SPECIAL SESSION, IN TWO DAY PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 15.
THIS WOULD SUIT OUR SCHEDULE IF WE CAN GET AGREEMENT
WITH FRENCH ON COMBINED VERSION OF ECONOMIC OBSERVATORY AND
EMINENT PERSONS STUDY. IN SUCH CASE, WE ARE FAIRLY WELL-
ASSURED WESTERN EUROPEAN SUPPORT TO BE SHOWN AS CO-SPONSORS.
OUTLOOK FOR SAUDI AND FRENCH RESOLUTIONS STILL VERY
UNCLEAR AT THIS POINT AS REPORTED SEPTTEL.

5. IT IS LIKELY THAT ITEM 17, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, WILL
FOLLOW OR PRECEDE ITEM 5. THIS IN TURN WOULD BE
FOLLOWED BY ITEM 9 ON WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE UNLESS THIS
ITEM IS TRANSFERRED DIRECTLY TO PLENARY WITHOUT ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE ACTION AS SOME NOW PROPOSE.

6. ITEM 13 ON SOVEREIGNTY AND 8 ON MULTINATIONAL
CORPORATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN UP IN TANDEM PROBABLY IN
WEEK BEGINNING JULY 22. ITEM 6 ON SPECIAL SESSION
1975 WOULD ALSO BE SCHEDULED FOR WEEK BEGINNING JULY 22.

7. COMMENT: COMMITTEE PROCEEDING IN RELATIVELY QUIET,
LOW-KEY ROUTINE FASHION. SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO
SURPRISES AND NO FIRE WORKS. WHILE APPARENTLY ON SCHEDULE,
COMMITTEE HAS YET TO BE CONFRONTED WITH FAR-REACHING
RESOLUTIONS WHICH COULD PROVE DIFFICULT. WHILE MOST
DELEGATES SPEAK TO EACH ITEM ULTIMATELY, THEY HAVE BEEN
RATHER SLOW IN GETTING STARTED AND THEIR INTERVENTIONS
FOR THE MOST PART HAVE BEEN BRIEF. ON THIS BASIS THE
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FINAL WEEK WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR THE CONTROVERSIAL
ITEMS ON SOVEREIGNTY AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS
WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO DEFUSE.
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